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For: CUTTING TOOLS AND

ROUGHENED ARTICLES USING

SURFACE ROUGHENING

METHODS

## RESPONSE TO ELECTION / RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to September 30, 2008 Office Action, Applicants hereby elect *Invention 1* (Claims 1-14) without traverse, as explained below.

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-41 are pending, with claims 1, 15, 16 and 26 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.